

MINUTES ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Greenville, NC
April 7, 2003

The Greenville City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, third floor of the Municipal Building, with Mayor Robert D. Parrott presiding. The meeting was called to order, followed by the invocation by Rabbi Michael Cain and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following were present.

Mayor Robert D. Parrott
Mayor Pro-Tem Ric Miller
Council Member Mildred A. Council
Council Member Ray Craft
Council Member Pat Dunn
Council Member Chip Little
Marvin W. Davis, City Manager
Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk
David A. Holec, City Attorney

ABSENT: Council Member Rose H. Glover

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Parrott welcomed Bill Sanderson and Walter Council (Scout Leaders), along with the Boy Scouts from Troop 832 (Cornerstone Church).

Mr. Johnny Dixon from the Public Works Department was presented a plaque upon his retirement with 10 years and 7 months of service.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to approve all the items under the consent agenda as listed below. Motion carried unanimously.

- (1) Minutes of the February 24, 2003 joint City Council/Pitt County Commissioners meeting; the March 18 joint City Council/Greenville Utilities Commission meeting; and the February 24, February 27, March 5, March 13, March 19, and March 20, 2003 City Council meetings

- (2) Consideration of various tax refunds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
James Weiland	Mobile home double charged	\$ 145.21
Yacoub Atef Dissi	Prorate taxes on vehicle	\$ 193.91
	Adjust value on vehicle	
Leonard & Betty Herbig	Prorate taxes on vehicle	\$ 104.75

- (3) Ordinance installing multi-way stop signs at the intersections of West Rock Spring Road and Edgewood Circle and East Rock Spring Road and Edgewood Circle as part of the Rock Spring Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project (Ordinance No. 03-22)
- (4) Ordinance establishing “No Parking Anytime” zone on the west side of Pine Branches Close from Fire Tower Road southward to the cul-de-sac (Ordinance No. 03-23)
- (5) Ordinance establishing 25 MPH speed limit on Laughinghouse Drive (Ordinance No. 03-24)
- (6) Resolution accepting dedication of public rights-of-way and easements shown on or implied by the final plats of Providence Place, Section One, and Bedford, Section 8, Phase 2 (Resolution No. 03-16)
- (7) Encroachment agreement requested by StarLight Café to allow outdoor dining in a part of the City-owned alley adjacent to their restaurant

REQUEST BY GREENVILLE JAYCEES FOR FUNDS, FIREWORKS PERMIT, AND EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION – APPROVED

Ms. Kathy Cox, Chair of the Jaycees Fourth of July Celebration, informed the Council that they would like to request the use of the physical area on the Town Commons and the use of the Public Works, Recreation and Parks, Fire/Rescue and Police Departments for the event. They would also like to extend the hours from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. instead of the 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. that they have previously had. The reason is to be able to sell more drinks to be able to pay for the firework display. Fundraising is okay but not as it has been in the past due to economic hardships of some of the previous sponsors.

Council Member Council asked what the budget for the City is for this event.

City Manager Davis stated that there will be a large contingency from the Police Department. Staff has met with the Jaycees and the things they requested are doable. There are some things that will need to be taken into account, however, such as the fact that the Greene Street Bridge is now open and the amphitheater will be under construction.

Mayor Parrott encouraged anyone willing to be a sponsor to contact the Greenville Jaycees.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and seconded by Council Member Council to approve the hours of 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. and the fireworks display. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF STATUS AND PLANS OF PUBLIC INPUT ON 45-BLOCK AREA REVITALIZATION PLAN

Mr. Andy Harris, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained how staff has begun meeting with the West Greenville residents to present the framework for the 45-block multi-year revitalization program. The meetings will provide an opportunity for citizens to express their opinion on the needs of their neighborhoods and establish priorities for addressing those needs. The meeting schedule that has been developed is as follows:

3/25/2003	Cherry View Neighborhood Association Meeting	3:30 PM
4/9/2003	Neighborhood Meeting at Eppes Center	3:00 PM
4/16/2003	Joint Tour City Council/Affordable Housing Loan Committee	3:00 PM
4/23/2003	Neighborhood Meeting, Eppes Center	3:00 PM
4/26/2003	Higgs Neighborhood Association Meeting	10:00 AM
4/28/2003	Sadie Saulter School	7:00 PM
5/21/2003	Affordable Housing Loan Committee	3:00 PM

Mr. Harris stated that additional meetings are being scheduled. An effort is being made to have them at times when the residents will be able to attend. Staff is planning to meet with the Black Ministerial Association, neighborhood associations, West Greenville CDC and other community leaders. Updates will be provided to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Redevelopment Commission. Staff will develop and disburse flyers and advertise the future meetings in the newspaper to help inform citizens of the meetings. They will be talking individually with people on a one-on-one basis. The Multiple Neighborhood Revitalization Plan will be a component of the larger effort of the Redevelopment Commission. The recommended plan will be considered by City Council at its June 12 meeting and a public hearing will be held. The information will be formulated to meet HUD requirements for the Community Development Block Grant Program and home Program 5-year Consolidated Plan and 2003-2004 Annual Plan. City Council will be presented the recommended plan based upon citizen comments received.

Motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Council Member Dunn to have a tour with the Affordable Housing Loan Committee on April 16 at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION OF THREE PERSONS REPRESENTING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN RALEIGH

City Manager Davis suggested sending the mailing on the "Building Strong Neighborhoods Conference" to neighborhood association CrimeWatches, etc. soliciting people to go to the conference. The first three people who respond will get to go and they should represent three different neighborhoods. The City will absorb the cost of their attending, which should be approximately \$110 per person.

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Craft to authorize the City to recruit and pay for three persons representing neighborhood associations to

attend the “Building Strong Neighborhoods Conference” in Raleigh. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE APRIL 10, 2003 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

A cursory review of the April 10, 2003 City Council agenda was done.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Council stated that the 4-H Youth Today had a rally at Wellcome Middle School encouraging students to not smoke. There were about 100 youth present at this event. She thanked Mayor Parrott for declaring it Kick Butts Week.

Council Member Council stated that Sheppard Memorial Library held its Legislative Breakfast with the County Commissioners and City Council this morning. It was very successful.

Council Member Council stated that she hoped the young people would do well with their end of course tests.

Council Member Dunn thanked the citizens, neighborhood associations, etc. for participating in the spring clean up.

Council Member Dunn expressed thanks to the City employees. The City will not be adding a lot of increases for the City of Greenville employees. She thanked them for the work that they do.

Council Member Dunn urged the neighborhood associations to send people to the conference that was previously talked about. It is a great interest to neighborhood associations trying to preserve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Council Member Dunn stated that she participated in the Arbor Day event at Eastern Elementary School and read the proclamation from the Mayor. Greenville was recognized with an Arbor Day Flag.

Council Member Dunn urged the Council to have as many of their meetings as possible televised so the citizens will know who the Council Members are and what the issues are.

Mayor Parrott thanked the Council Members for helping him out during the last two months as he has been very busy with his CPA practice.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Davis stated that there has been discussion at the County regarding the EMS County District that the City covers for the County. When Chief Spell was making his budget presentation, he shared with the County what the reimbursement should be. The County has an EMS Commission who has received the budget requests. They will be making recommendations to the County Commissioners. They have discussed the possibility of redrawing the County

EMS district lines. There was a motion by the EMS Commission to do that, which could mean that they redraw it to give the district the City now serves to County districts. Staff will probably not know the outcome until June.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Little to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda T. Elks, CMC
City Clerk